

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Attached hereto are two (2) sheets of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

Fig. 2 has been amended to remove reference numeral 13 and its associated lead line; and

Fig. 6 has been amended to remove one occurrence of reference numeral 141 and its associated lead line.

Annotated versions of both corrected drawings sheets are also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

### **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1 and 3-6 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider her rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 3-6 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Although not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejections, claims 3-5 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 3-6 are now in condition for allowance.

#### **Drawings**

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with the rules because they include reference numeral 13 which is not included in the specification. By way of the present amendment, Fig. 2 has been corrected to remove reference numeral 13. The Examiner also objected to the drawings as having reference numeral 141 in Fig. 6A, which refers to a different portion than that found in the other figures. By way of the present amendment, Applicants are submitting replacement Fig. 6A, which removes the incorrect reference numeral 141. As required by the Examiner, a marked-up version of the drawings, showing the changes made, is also provided.

Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Siahpolo et al., U.S. Patent 5,481,431. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to claim 2, this rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim.

The Examiner states that Siahpolo et al. teaches a disk drive anchoring mechanism for use on a computer casing having fastening elements 58 on opposite sides of a disk drive 6, a bracing board 60 mounted to the casing, and at least two latch flanges 66a and 66b, located on the bracing board, which sandwich the disk drive therebetween. A drawing rack 40 is coupled with the latch flanges to confine the fastening elements to anchor the disk drive.

Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by this reference. Claim 1 has now been amended to make it clear that the fastening elements and disk drive form a module which can selectively be removed from and anchored in the bracing board using bare hands. In the Siahpolo et al. reference, the corresponding elements are latched into position using a handle and an arrangement of cams, followed by screw drives used to secure the fastening screws to the disk drive and the crib device. This differs from the present invention, where it is not necessary to utilize screw drives at any time. Instead, the disk drive is anchored merely by sliding the drawing rack by hand in a forward and backward direction. Thus, it is possible to do the complete locking of the disk drive merely by using a hand operation. In view of this, Applicants submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by this reference.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patent relied upon by the Examiner. In view of this, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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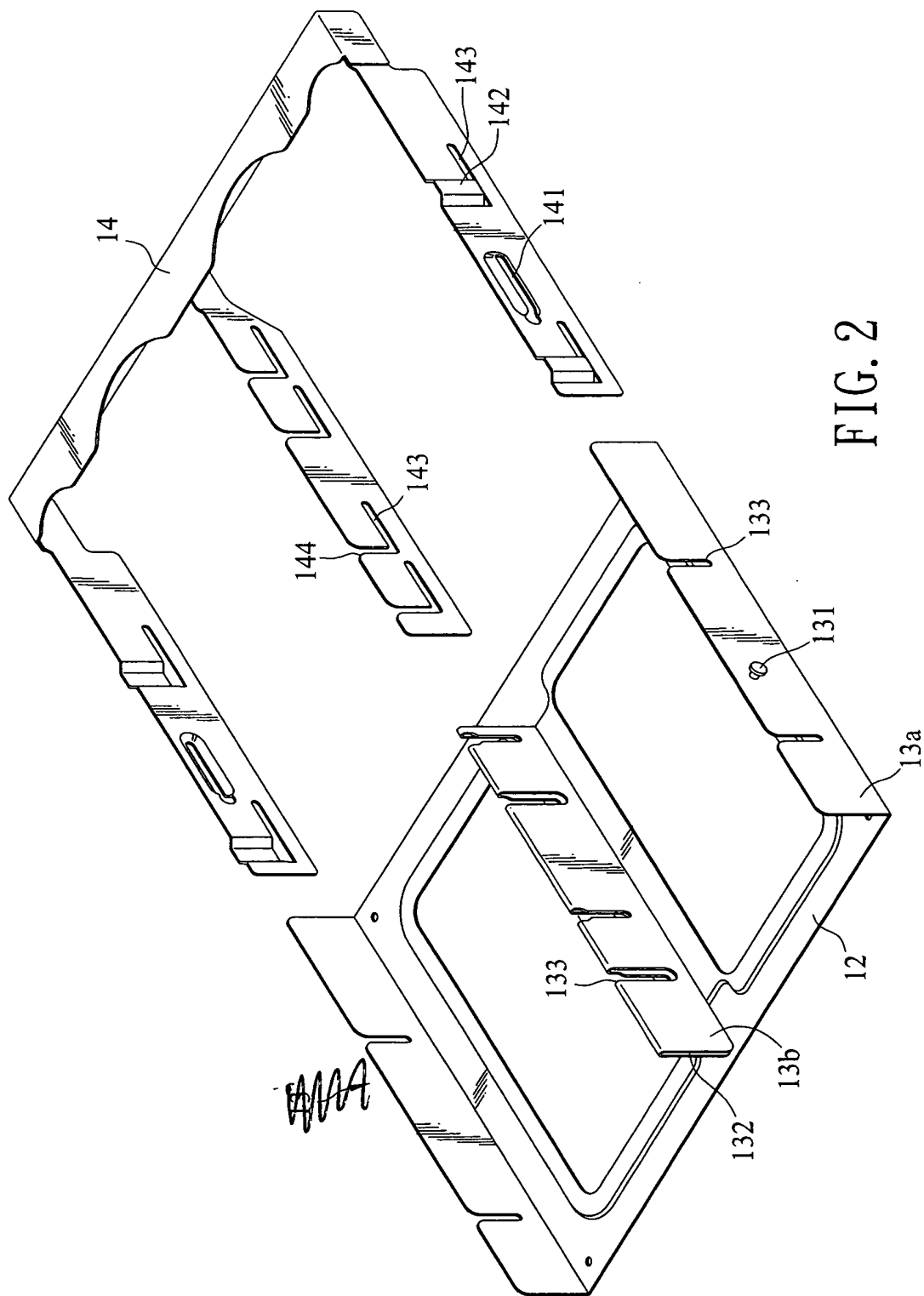


FIG. 2

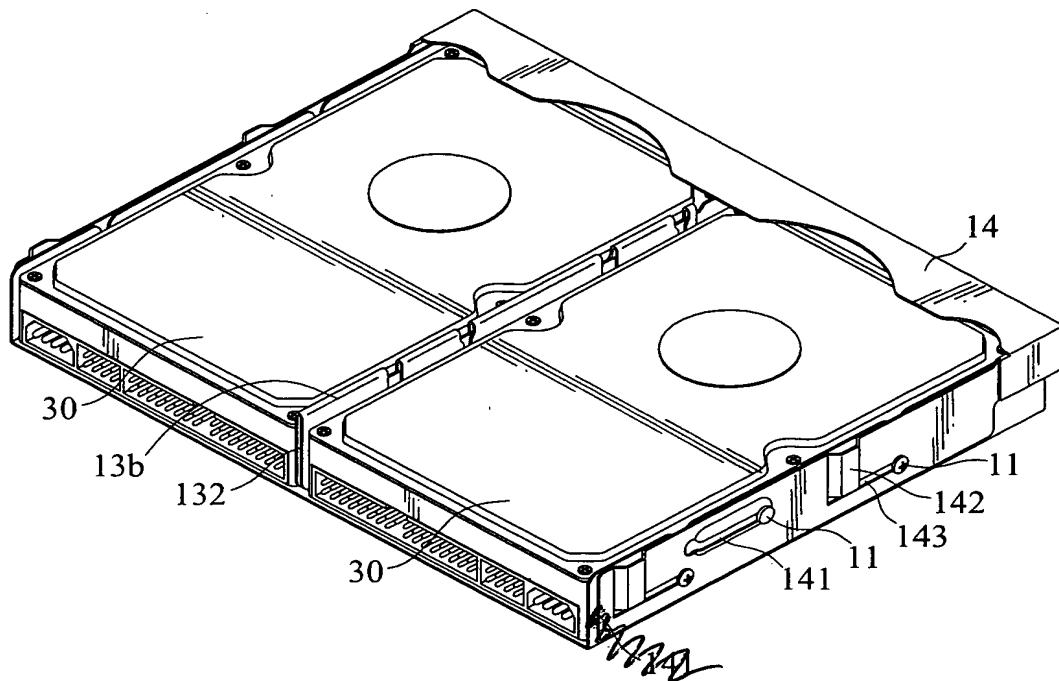


FIG. 6A

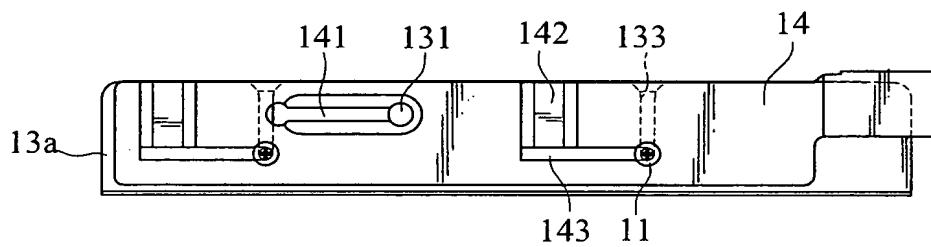


FIG. 6B